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DIARY NOTES

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ADD/A (Colonel White)

5 January 1952

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1. Messrs. [REDACTED] were in to discuss our emergency alert telephone lines which now terminate in the offices of the Watch Officer, OCI, and the Executive Assistant to the Director. We have lines to the Air Force alert system in the Pentagon and Civilian Defense coming in to both offices. They solicited my reaction to removing those from the Executive Assistant's office in view of the fact that OCI now plans to put a special Watch Officer on twenty-four hour a day duty. I asked [REDACTED] to discuss the matter with Mr. Becker but told him that my reaction would be to retain the lines as they are now installed. They also wanted to know whether we should put an additional set of lines, making three in all, in our communications setup in the basement when it is installed; I said "yes." [REDACTED] discussed the possibility of having someone on duty in our communications room in the basement at all times after it is installed. This would be very expensive, and unless such an individual could have other duties to insure that his time was usefully spent, I doubt if it would be worthwhile from a purely security viewpoint. I asked [REDACTED] to talk with [REDACTED] of OCI to see if there were any possibility of the Watch Officer being on duty here instead of in OCI. I really don't think that this is feasible. I also asked him to talk to [REDACTED] of the Physical Security Division in I&S to determine the feasibility of having his duty officers, who answer calls from the guards, etc., stationed in this room.

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2. Received memorandum from the AD/CD reporting on an inspection of our IEM setup at [REDACTED]. He stated that the machines have suffered due to storage in a cold and moist place and will need complete overhauling before they can be relied upon. They also need some special equipment in order to handle card files prepared in Washington; equipment can be installed on the spot. [REDACTED] also expressed some concern relative to [REDACTED] plans for current use of the machines and suggested that their use be restricted to handling the Washington card files in case of an emergency, etc. I referred this to [REDACTED] for comment but telephoned [REDACTED] thanked him for his memorandum; assured him that the machines would be overhauled; suggested that special equipment be installed and that the current use of the machines be consistent with the Emergency Plan. He appeared to be satisfied.

3. Received a memorandum from the AD/OSI to the Director through the DD/A, sub: "Policy Question on Travel of OSI Personnel to Professional Meetings." Dr. Chadwell requested a statement of policy by the Director and approximately \$7,000 additional travel money for the Fiscal Year 1952 to be used to allow each OSI professional to attend one professional meeting of the individual's choice each year. The principle seems to be all right and I am sure that this practice is being followed now by several offices on a limited scale. I question allowing the individual to make his own choice. Have requested comments from the AD/P, Comptroller, and General Counsel prior to making specific recommendation as to propriety of the Director making policy announcement which, of course, would be applicable to the whole Agency.

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